

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-15. (canceled).

16. (new): A method of whitening skin, which comprises orally administering (i) tranexamic acid or a salt thereof and (ii) L-cysteine or a salt thereof.

17. (new): A method of whitening skin, which comprises orally administering (i) tranexamic acid or a salt thereof, (ii) L-cysteine or a salt thereof, and (iii) L-ascorbic acid or a salt thereof.